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SUBJECT: EMBASSY PHNOM PENH PRESENCE IN BANGKOK
FOR CHARGE AND AMBASSADOR DEAN
REF: BANGKOK 6252

1. WE CONCUR WITH THE CONCEPT OF RETAINING A LOW-PROFILE
RESIDUAL GROUP FROM EMBASSY PHNOM PENH IN BANGKOK FOR THE
IMMEDIATE FUTURE, BUT IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE
PROBLEMS WITH THE THAI AND TO MINIMIZE THE SUPPORT BURDEN
ON EMBASSY BANGKOK, WE THINK THE GROUP'S SIZE SHOULD BE
KEPT AS SMALL AND ITS STATUS AS TEMPORARY AS POSSIBLE.

2. IN ORDER TO UNDERLINE THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF THE
GROUP AND TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF CLAIMS BY THE THAI
THAT WE WERE AFFECTING THEIR ABILITY TO WORK OUT THEIR OWN
RELATIONSHIPS WITH ANY SUCCESSOR CAMBODIAN REGIME, WE AGREE
THAT THE GROUP'S TRAFFIC SHOULD BE PART OF EMBASSY
BANGKOK'S TELEGRAM NUMBERING SERIES. AS OFFICIAL AMERICANS,
THE GROUP WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY AND DIRECTION
OF THE BANGKOK CHIEF OF MISSION, AND THEY SHOULD BE
DESCRIBED TO ANY THAI WHO ASK AS BEING TDY VISITORS TO THE
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EMBASSY WHO WILL SOON BE LEAVING. WE SEE NO PROBLEM,

HOWEVER, IN USING THE "CAMBODIA-B" SLUG IN ADDITION TO THE BANGKOK MESSAGE NUMBER.

3. WE ASSUME THAT AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, THE THIRTEEN PEOPLE LISTED IN BANGKOK 6252 WILL CONSTITUTE THE RESIDUAL GROUP. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME INDICATION OF WHEN THE STATE PERSONNEL AMONG THESE 13 MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER, AS WE ARE WORKING WITH PER ON ORDERS FOR ALL PHNOM PENH EVACUEES AND WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE THEM ON THE WIRE SOON. KISSINGER

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